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*A.*—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The hon. Member presumably refers to the Excise Advisory Committee constituted for the Mannargudi Revenue Division. The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested. They have called for a report.

*Representation of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board.*

*1912-A *Q.*—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it has been urged by any Indian Christian or Catholic Association League at Mangalore that there should be on the District Board of South Kanara at least three or four persons to represent the Indian Christians having regard to their population as also their progress educationally ;

(*b*) whether the present number is only two ;

(*c*) whether Government have nominated recently a Hindu lady to fill the vacancy of an Indian Catholic ;

(*d*) why she was nominated in preference to Indian Christian ladies who are highly educated and qualified ; and

(*e*) how many members of the Bant community to which the lady nominated belongs there are in the District Board ?

*A.*—(*a*) No such representation is traceable.

(*b*) The number of Indian Christians on the South Kanara District Board is at present three.

(*c*) & (*d*) A Hindu lady was appointed in a vacancy previously filled by an Indian Catholic. No vacancy is earmarked for any particular community.

(*e*) Fourteen.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" What are the reasons, Sir, for the appointment of a lady when she belongs to a community which has got fourteen members already represented on the Board ? "

## Medical

*Action taken on Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations regarding Vizagapatam Medical College.*

*1913 *Q.*—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount so far spent by the Government on the Vizagapatam Medical College ;

(*b*) the annual expenditure to Government on account of this institution ;

(*c*) whether the degrees awarded by this institution are recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain ;

(*d*) what are the defects in this institution pointed out by Dr. Norman Walker ; and

(*e*) whether the Government have made an estimate of the probable initial and recurring expenditure required to carry out Dr. Norman Walker's recommendations and if so, what it is ?

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*A.*—(*a*) & (*b*) The information is furnished below :—

*Expenditure incurred on the Vizagapatam Medical College..*

| Year. | Expenditure on maintenance. | Expenditure on buildings, etc., incurred by the Public Works Department. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| | RS. | RS. | RS. |
| 1923–24 ... ... | 60,214 | 46,885 | 1,07,099 |
| 1924–25 ... ... | 1,28,681 | 83,165 | 2,11,846 |
| 1925–26 ... ... | 1,72,131 | 1,87,957 | 3,60,088 |
| 1926–27 ... ... | 2,35,060 | 1,28,306 | 3,63,366 |
| 1927–28 ... ... | 2,77,312 | 38,039 | 3,15,351 |
| 1928–29 ... ... (up to end of January 1929.) | 2,05,505 | Not available. | 2,05,505 |
| Total ... | 10,78,903 | 4,84,352 | 15,63,255 |

(*c*) The degrees are awarded by the Andhra University ; these have not yet been recognized by the General Medical Council of Great Britain.

(*d*) The defects pointed out in the joint report of Sir Norman Walker and Col. R. A. Needham were the following :—

(1) Some of the professors had not sufficient experience of teaching ;

(2) frequent changes and transfers of the teaching staff added to the disabilities of the students ;

(3) the number of midwifery cases in the hospital was small and students had to be sent to Madras for training in this subject ;

(4) facilities for training in the special departments had not been developed ; and

(5) nursing was in charge of ward boys.

(*e*) No. The defects pointed out were of a comprehensive nature, mostly pertaining to the shortage of the teaching staff and their inexperience. The strength of the staff has been increased from 1st July 1927. As regards lack of experience, this can only be remedied gradually.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" May I know, after spending Rs. 15,63,000 on this College at Vizagapatam, how many students are turned out every year ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Notice."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya :—" If it is only 10, is it worth while for the Government to spend such a large amount on it ? "

The hon. the President :—" That is a hypothetical question."

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"The Medical College authorities here are making huge attractions to another college in Vellore. When this one is not brought up to date and made recognizable by the Medical Council what is the necessity for spending such a large sum on that college ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know what is the amount spent on the Madras Medical College in all ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"May I know whether there is not more scope in the Madras Medical College to train more men ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question does not arise."

*Rules regarding the L.M.P. course.*

* 1914 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued an order on 16th November 1928 embodying almost the same terms as G.O. No. 555, P.H., dated 21st April 1922 ; and

(*b*) if so, what were the reasons for this step ?

*A.*—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (*a*) of question No. 1036-A on 28th January 1929.

*Extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to district hospitals.*

* 1915 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : With reference to the answer to my question No. 1594, dated the 1st March 1929, regarding the extension of the scheme of honorary physicians to the district hospitals, will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to place before the House the details of the scheme that have been so far worked out ?

*A.*—No useful purpose will be served by placing on the table an incomplete scheme.

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## Public Health

*Outbreak of cholera in the General Hospital.*

* 1916 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was a severe epidemic of cholera in the General Hospital in December last ;

(*b*) how many patients were attacked by this disease in the hospital ; how many of these were treated in the General Hospital itself and how many were sent to the Corporation Infectious Diseases Hospital ;

(*c*) what was the mortality rate among them in the General Hospital and in the Infectious Diseases Hospital ;

(*d*) whether any enquiry was held by the Government ; and

(*e*) if so, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table the result of that enquiry ?